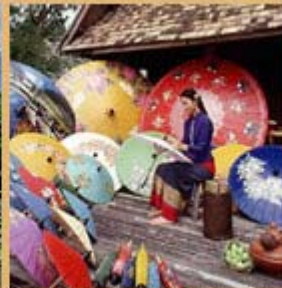




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Your itinerary at a glance:

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Day 2 - 6 Radisson Hotel, Bangkok
Day 7 - 12 Chiang Mai Orchid Hotel, Chiang Mai
Day 13 Radisson Hotel, Bangkok

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**The Kingdom of Thailand
November 30 - December 13, 2005
14 days**

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Visit temples, palaces, floating markets, ancient ruins, beautiful countryside, orchid farms and elephant camps.

Experience Thai food, music, dance, local village life and river cruising.

Whether you're exploring the beautiful countryside in Chiang Mai, or discovering the colorful cityscapes in Bangkok, you're sure to find the eternal beauty of Thailand simply awe-inspiring. It is a land of enchantment, with a temple at every corner, colorful spirit houses, and long-tail boats plying the canals and rivers. Throughout the country, shopping is an art form, with wonderful bargains to be had among the many local crafts and woven goods. This exciting tour includes five nights at a premier hotel in Bangkok and six nights in rural Chiang Mai.

**This tour does not visit the tsunami affected areas. However, your tourism dollars will help the Thai people and economy in their recovery.

Itinerary

Day 1 & 2: Overnight Flight - Arrive Bangkok, Thailand

Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Thailand. Majestic palaces, ornate temples, quaint cities and beautiful landscapes are sure to make your vacation a memorable one. You arrive in one of the most fascinating cities in the world, Bangkok.

Day 3: Bangkok

On your captivating city tour of Bangkok you will gain insight into the religion of Thailand by visiting two of Bangkok's famous temples: the Golden Buddha and the Reclining Buddha. Visit the Grand Palace, an ornate royal residence built in 1782. (B, D)

Weather in Thailand



Day 4: Bangkok

Travel to the floating market of Damnoen Saduak and take an exciting cruise through the legendary canals, known as Klongs, in a traditional long-tailed boat. Later, you travel to Kanchanaburi to visit the famous Bridge on the River Kwai. (B, L)

Day 5: Bangkok - Ayutthaya - Bangkok

A trip through the countryside brings you to Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Thailand. At the peak of its glory it was home to more than 1 million people. Today you can see ruins dating from the 14th century. This evening, enjoy dinner at an authentic Thai restaurant featuring classic Thai dancing and music. (B, D)

Day 6: Bangkok

Your day is at leisure to explore the streets and markets of Bangkok or relax by the pool. Optional tours are also available. Tonight you will be treated to a dinner cruise on a rice barge along the Chao Phraya River. (B, D)

Day 7: Bangkok - Chiang Mai

A short flight brings you to the "Rose of the North," the old-world city of Chiang Mai. Tour the cottage industries of this area and see local artisans at work. You may shop for silk, teakwood and lacquer at bargain prices. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, D)

Day 8: Chiang Mai

A scenic drive to the hills of Chiang Mai brings you to the heart of the Teak Forest where you will witness elephants at work and play. Your next stop is a beautiful orchid farm to see many varieties of the national flower of Thailand. You will then have the opportunity to shop for umbrellas, silver and celadon. Tonight, enjoy a Hill Tribe cultural show and witness the traditions and dance of the Hill Tribe people. (B, D)

Day 9: Chiang Mai

Your morning is at leisure. Before lunch, enjoy a chef-led walk through the local Chiang Mai market to select native ingredients unique to Thai cuisine. Enjoy a cooking demonstration where you learn more about the history and flavors of Thai foods before enjoying the expertly created lunch! Your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy strolling, shopping and bargaining at the Chiang Mai night market. (B, L)

Day 10: Chiang Mai

Your entire day is at leisure. A variety of optional tours are available for you to select from, including hot air ballooning. (B, D)

Day 11: Chiang Mai

This morning you will visit some of the most interesting temples in Chiang Mai, including Wat Dio Suthep, located 3,520 feet above sea level. Your next stop will be a jade cutting factory. The remainder of your day is at leisure to enjoy Chiang Mai. (B, D)

Day 12: Chiang Mai

You may wish to rise early this morning and join the optional experience of bringing a food offering to the local Buddhist monks, an important tradition in the life of the Thai people. This morning you will visit the Hill Tribe Museum and then visit 5 of the minority Hill Tribe Villages and see how they maintain the traditional life that they cherish so much. (B, D)

Day 13: Chiang Mai - Bangkok

A short flight brings you back to Bangkok. The remainder of the day is at leisure. You may wish to take an optional tour of Jim Thompson's house,

a magnificent Thai-styled home containing an extensive collection of art objects and antiques. This evening, join your fellow passengers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Bid farewell to Thailand as you board your flight home. (B)

Please contact us for more information on our pre-tour extension to Angkor Wat or post-tour extension to Vietnam.

- (B) Breakfast
- (L) Lunch
- (D) Dinner

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